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NAR Mobilizes Forces

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“Prepare our Reservists to fight and win our Nation’s armed conflicts, and provide peacetime contributory support for the active forces.” This is the Naval Air Reserve’s mission statement according to Capt. Kevin J. Sullivan, Commanding Officer NAR. Well, now they have been trained, and they are prepared, so we send them out into the world, in one of our country’s greatest times of need.

Since the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there have been 20,000 Reserves and National Guard members called to active duty. That figure is likely to rise. NAR Point Mugu has recently seen its first batch of Reservists who have been called to active duty.

On September 21 and 22 the first 49 recalled Reservists crossed the NAR’s quarterdeck and began crowding into the Manpower and Administration offices.

This large group proved to be a task to reckon with for the Manpower shop, who along with Admin for the first few days, had to work 16-hour days for about seven days straight. These days were spent going down a detailed checklist for each Reservist to ensure they were all qualified for mobilization.



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Recalled Reservists wait in line to at the Point Mugu Dental Office.

have their pearly whites examined

The Manpower shop prepared each Reservists orders from here to the Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) in San Diego, and then to their ultimate duty station and back home after their tour is complete.

Manpower also provided transportation to NMPS in San Diego, with a bus from the motor pool, for the Reservists without vehicles. Many of the Reservists had family members who drove them.

The days were so long and busy that there was no time to go out and eat. It was up to others to help out and bring food in.

All of the recalled Reservists also checked in with medical and dental to update their records, and ensure they weren’t missing out on any of those wonderful shots

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From The Cockpit ———

Once again, Selected Reserves have been called upon to support our nation in a time of war. It was only 10 years ago that we mobilized units to mass an attack on the Iraqi army. The Selected Reserves responded with pride, volunteering to do battle with the aggressor and fight for peace and support a weaker nation. This time, we are being called upon to defend our homeland and the

forward positioned bases. We are fighting an invisible enemy. One who may look like us; have blended into our society over several years; and is laying in wait for an opportunity to strike at our soft spots.

Since the events of 11 Sep, over 7,000 Naval Reserve personnel have been mobilized. Many of these personnel are being recalled to augment base security forces due to increased

threat condition levels or for direct support of ongoing operations both in the continental U.S. and abroad.

I have been very impressed with the spirit of those who have been called up to serve. To a person, they have responded without hesitation despite their monetary and personal sacrifices. Their families have been extremely supportive with the knowledge that what their spouse, father, or



mother is doing is for the good of their family, our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

For those mobilized, please know that NAVAIRE Point Mugu is here to support your families should they

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CMC Speaks ———

The time has come for me to retire from the Navy after 30 years of service to our beloved country. I have mixed feelings, as I really would love to stay Navy, but my departure makes room for someone else. As I leave the Navy to embark on a new career, I look back and realize that the Navy has changed considerably since I left for boot camp and went on to my first squadron. The enlisted person's role in the Navy has undergone

significant changes over the years. These changes came about because of new technologies, new goals, and better education. Today's hi-tech Sailors are professionals defending democracy and freedom around the world every day.

We sacrifice a part of our lives as Sailors so that others can live theirs as they choose. Initially, these sacrifices caused me to question my own enlistment. In my early years of service, I



sometimes counted the days I had left in the service wondering if I would ever get out. I had forgotten why I enlisted. I overlooked the fact that I had sworn to support

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VP-65 Visits Misawa

By: LCDR Dru Blanc

Koh-nichi-wa! This useful phrase was well employed by members of Patrol Squadron Sixty Five (VP-65), based at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, during a recent seven-crew, 14-week detachment to Japan. The men and women of Team Trident spent much of the summer and early fall of 2001 offering contributory support to the deployed patrol squadron, VP-46. Flying out of Misawa, Japan, on the northern island of Honchu, and Kadena A.F.B. located on the island of Okinawa, VP-65 fulfilled Annual Training requirements and improved combat readiness.

While in Japan, the Tridents flew 53 sorties and 360 hours in support of fleet operations and were involved in exercises SHAREM 138, MULTISAIL, and SHIN KAME. The aircrew, maintenance, administrative, and operation personnel from VP-65 were fully integrated into the daily

deployment schedule for VP-46. The maintainers assisted in aircraft repairs, phased maintenance evolutions, and aircraft washes. They repaired a troublesome fuel quantity indicator problem, did two reduction gear box changes, and plugged a difficult internal fuel tank leak. The aircrew were integrated into the daily flight schedule and stood Ready-One and Ready-Two events, as well as participating in U.S./Japanese exercises. Some crews even had the opportunity to visit Osan, Korea.

“From an integration standpoint, Team Trident had a very successful detachment,” remarked the VP-65 Officer-In-Charge, CDR(s) Victor Bruni. “We fully supported our active duty counterparts and gained valuable training knowledge in the Western Pacific.”

Many of the Reserve aircrews were returning to an area where they had been operating since the 1970's, and were in turn

able to provide the Grey Knights of VP-46 with some insight and experience. “This place hasn't changed since the early 1980s,” noted Crew Nine navigator, CDR Bob Sauer. “Except that the people deployed here seem more professional.”

Detachment Officer-In-Charge, LCDR Robert Kilroy, expressed his gratitude to the host nation of Japan, the host squadron of VP-46, and the host base at NAF Misawa by presenting squadron plaques as a token of appreciation for the outstanding hosting. “This place is awesome, the people here are wonderful, the town of Misawa is beautiful, and I feel this has been the best detachment we've done while augmenting the active forces,” LCDR Kilroy remarked.

VP-65 will get to experience again that great Misawa and Japanese hospitality again in the near future when they return to offer contributory support to those on the tip of the point of the spear.

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they may have “overlooked.”

Legal was also a primary stop. Many of the Reservist had wills to complete and power of attorney to ensure family members and loved ones were taken care of.

Aside from helping Manpower deal with orders, Admin also had the task of updating and issuing government credit cards. The recalled reservist would need these for all initial travel expenses.

Each Reservist also had to update their status and receive their new active duty military identification cards before they departed.

This was all done in the process of two days, which was all the time NAR was given.

Most of the first 49 members recalled were

from the Law Enforcement Physical Security Unit (LEPSU) here at Point Mugu. They came in together and began the mad rush in Manpower. After that, six more people were mobilized from CV SW 0376 here, and NWTS 0176, who drill at China Lake and LEPSU straggled in separately for a total of 55 recalled Reservist who were processed in just a few days.

This is just a small number of the men and women whose skills were called upon in our country's time of need. Many others have done the same, and even more are ready to be called upon at a moment's notice.

Though those long days are done and in the past, they can only be seen as one down, and as many as necessary to go.

Military Family —————

By: JOSA Robbie Thomas

Many of the sailors in today's Navy have parents who served before them. A military parent feels a certain pride when he can say his son or daughter has chosen to follow in his footsteps. HMC Karen Estropigan, NAR Medical Services LCPO, must have given her father this pride when she joined the military, which isn't unusual. But the fact that six of her brothers and sisters choose to do the same is.

Estropigan started thinking about the Navy around 1981, and signed up in 1982. It was her first job. A job turned career. She retires in four years. Estropigan began her Navy career as all of her siblings did, as active duty military. She switched over to TAR after her first four-year enlistment.

Estropigan's first sibling to join was her sister HM1 Marina Estrada (retired). The second to join was PN2 Jeannie Perez, who served her four years and then went back to civilian life. Third was YNC Darlene Largoza (retired), who also went TAR

after her first four years. AE1 Edwin Perez retired in July 2000. DT2 Fritz Perez also went back to civilian life after serving her fourth year.

The only one in the family to choose to join a different branch of the service was Air Force Staff Sergeant Shirley Agustine. She served four years and then returned to civilian life.

Estropigan's father, MS1 Benjamin D. Perez (retired) served in the Navy from 1945-1965. He was a chief select, but chose to retire as a first class. Perez joined the Navy as a teenager. He was out in town to sell a family pig one day, but it died all of a sudden. Perez was too afraid to go home, so he joined the Navy.

During their time in the service, Estropigan's family almost never found time to be together all at once. The one real opportunity they had to spend together was during a family reunion in 1992. The family all got together and shared stories, tips, and advice on advancement and other topics.



A picture taken during the one real chance Estropigan's family had to spend together while they were all in the service.

It's rare when an entire family can find a single path that suits them. Even though all of Estropigan's family didn't choose the military as a career, they all chose to begin their lives with it.

The Navy prides itself on its family values and sense of brotherhood. Those family values must be so much greater when so many of your brothers and sisters make up that brotherhood.

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require assistance. We are available for questions and assistance during the normal workdays and, in an emergency, 24 hours a day through the Duty Office. I personally send them a letter with our points of contact

and information regarding such items as: TRICARE, Navy Relief, SGLI, etc. We want to make sure they are not forgotten.

It is my pleasure to announce the NAVAIRE Point

Mugu, FY01 Barto award nominees. Large Unit Naval Weapons Test Squadron 0176 Small Unit category: Mobil Operational Central Center (MOCC) Eastern Pacific (EPAC) 0176

Evolution of the Navy's Core Values

By: HMC Marple

Behavior within an organization is guided primarily by the attitudes and beliefs held by the individuals within the organization. Those attitudes and beliefs are founded in the values and morals of those individuals. An understanding of their concepts, principles, values, morals, ethics, and their impact on individuals, is critical to their success as a leader. In addition to an understanding of these concepts, success as a leader within the Navy requires an understanding and adherence to the Navy's Core Values of Professionalism, Integrity, and Tradition.

These were the original core values set in 1995. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) provided the framework, and the Code of Conduct help set the stage for these Core Values; however, these choices were not necessarily reflective of ideal interpretations of personal behavior and conduct. For example, Tradition probably fell the shortest, in that tradition simply implies that which was done in the past - not necessarily

reflecting the highest values of society today. Professionalism is also vague because it emphasizes expertise rather than conduct. Integrity can represent commitment and consistency to *personal* values, rather than the values embraced by society or an organization serving society.

It so happened, in September 1991, the Tailhook Association held it's annual symposium at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. Billed as the "Mother of All Hooks" by then Secretary of the Navy, H. Lawrence Garrett, III, it was a far more than what first met the eye. The Tailhook convention was well known throughout the naval aviation community as an annual convention of much drinking, general rowdiness, and wild parties. Concerns over personal behavior were recorded as early as 1985. The drunken debauchery at the 1991 convention was not ignored and the firestorm that followed had long lasting effects.

A reevaluation of these core values culminated in the establishment of the Navy's current core values: Honor, Courage, Commitment.

On 9 October 1992, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Steering Committee adopted the Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment as the benchmarked for expected behavior and leadership.

The Core Values now demonstrate what we strive to be as members of the United States Navy, they help guide our personal and professional performance, conduct, and decisions at all times. The personal behavior and conduct of Naval personnel, especially those in positions of leadership, must always reflect the highest values of our society. Leaders must ensure those that do not uphold these higher standards of ethical behavior are held accountable.

The Navy needs to constantly remind its members - through adequate leadership - that it works not only for the public good, but in the public eye. It does not bode well for the Navy's future if its members do not adhere to some measure of responsibility and decency; for

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and defend the constitution of the United States of America. I had forgotten the opportunity I had to honor our flag and know, that in some small way, I helped to keep it flying. But, soon I realized that the Navy wasn't just a job, it had become my life.

Our Navy is the premiere fighting force in the world. One can no longer see a difference between an active duty Sailor and a Selected Reservist. We are

indistinguishable. We are the best, a team who stands ready to answer our country's call from the jungles of Vietnam to the current campaign against world wide terrorism. I am so proud to have served with you defending our freedom and democracy. And as I retire, I am counting on all of you as our Navy and our nation confronts the challenges that lie ahead.

I thank you and your

families for your unselfish devotion to duty and your outstanding dedication. The last 30 years has been a remarkably rewarding road with all its twists and turns. I am extremely grateful for having had this opportunity. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside such a great team. Brenda and I wish each and every one of you the very best. May God bless each of you and your families. Go Navy!

NAR's Shining Sailor

By: JOSA Robbie Thomas

The Navy League recently honored seven outstanding servicemembers from all branches of the military. The Naval Air Reserve is the proud home of the Naval Reserve honoree, AK1 Jaime Cordero, NAR Supply LPO.

Cordero credits much of his nomination to his community involvement. For the last five years he has been volunteering at a mental hospital in Norwalk. He helps the patients readjust to social life during the final stage of their treatment. He also helps them keep up their morale and self-esteem.

Cordero also volunteers at the Downey City library, where he helps people with low reading comprehension skills and short attention spans.

Cordero was the NAR Sailor of the Year in 2001 and the Sailor of the Quarter in 1999.

He was notified September 9th that he had been selected to be honored by the Navy League.

The ceremony was held at The Radisson Hotel in Oxnard on October 11th.

At the ceremony, Cordero was honored with multiple awards.

He received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Navy League of the United States, a Commendation from Governor Grey Davis, a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor of Oxnard, two California State Assembly Certificates of Recog-

nition, and a plaque from the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce that reads, "You mean more to us than you could ever know."

Cordero said he believes his edge over other Sailors comes from his positive attitude. He has the same attitude towards the Navy today, as he did when he joined 16 years ago.

"Do your best and don't expect anything in return," said Cordero. He says he works hard because he loves his job and the Navy, not because he expects anything extra for a job well done.



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the Navy then cannot hold its members up as role models to any society. These new Core Values most adequately represent what the Navy stands for today, what its members strive for, and what others will see as the highest goals for individual responsibility the Navy can have. By learning from experience and improving, always striving for excellence, the Navy continues... "For long term good, there is no substitute for and insistence on ethics, loyalty, accountability, and moral courage..." - Former Navy Secretary James H. Webb.

Recalled

By: JOSA Robbie Thomas

A Reservist is separated from the rest of the civilian community when he commits his extra time and energy to train for a battle that might one day involve our country. Today our country is involved in one such battle and many reservist find themselves being called forward to live up to the commitment they made.

Airman Michael Leipsitz has trained in the Naval Reserves for two years. He was informed of his recall on November 3rd.

Leipsitz is a Political Science Teacher's Assistant at U.C Santa Barbara. He has only one year left before he completes his requirements and receives his Ph.D. But this has all been put on hold due to his recall.

Many people would be

discouraged by this recall, especially if they were as close as Leipsitz is to completing his Ph.D. But Leipsitz sees this as a beneficial opportunity. "To me it's meaningful. A chance to do something in this moment," said Leipsitz.

Leipsitz plans to learn as much as he can from everything he does in his 12 months of active duty. He wants to bring those experiences back with him and incorporate them into his work and eventually his teaching.

U.C Santa Barbara has a program that helps reservists attend school and fulfill their military duties. The school not only helped him out, it also commended him on going out to help his country. Leipsitz says the school is very supportive.

Leipsitz worked in the NAR manpower office from

"I see it as a challenge, it's exciting."

Airman Michael Leipsitz

November seventh through the 15th while he was being processed to active duty. He filed paperwork and performed multiple administrative duties before he was transferred to active duty status. From there he went to on to his ultimate duty station.

This is one reservist who is more than thrilled to go out and support his country in its time of need. He has put his entire life on hold to go out and work side-by-side with his active duty shipmates. And when all is said and done, he'll come home and pick up where he left off. But he'll be a bit worldlier, and a lot more proud.

Halloween Spirit

The Naval Air Reserve celebrated Halloween this year with a little *spooky* competition. NAR began it's Halloween morning when Capt. Kevin J. Sullivan, along with CDR. Ray Waurio, Mostafa Gad, and NC1 Annett Williams, began judging the frightfully decorated rooms.

Not all rooms proved to be created equal when it came down to decorations. Room decorations ranged from dark lights and scary sounds, to a balloon in the center of a table.

After the rooms were seen and graded, the command moved on to its costume contest.

In the end the Training Department's halloween spirit won them the costume contest and the prize for the best decorated room.

This year's prize for the best decorated room was lunch, paid for by the XO. It proved to be quite a big prize when, instead of just one winner, the training department pitched in and won together.

Halloween at the NAR

(Costume Contest)



(Photo By: PH1 Mark Foughty)



The training department went all out.



Some rooms were scarier than others.

First Place

The Training Family



Second Place
AK1 Cordero



(Photo By: PH1 Mark Foughty)

Third Place
PNC McQuitty

Other **Halloween Oddities** at the NAR



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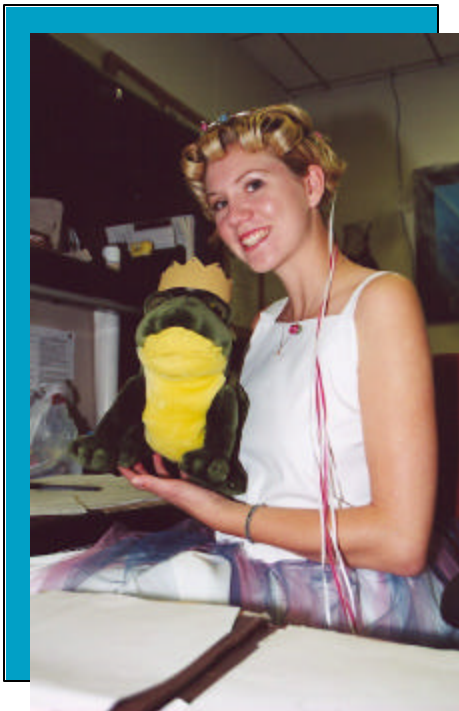


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Caesar himself honored us with his appearance and awarded the costume and spookiest room prizes.

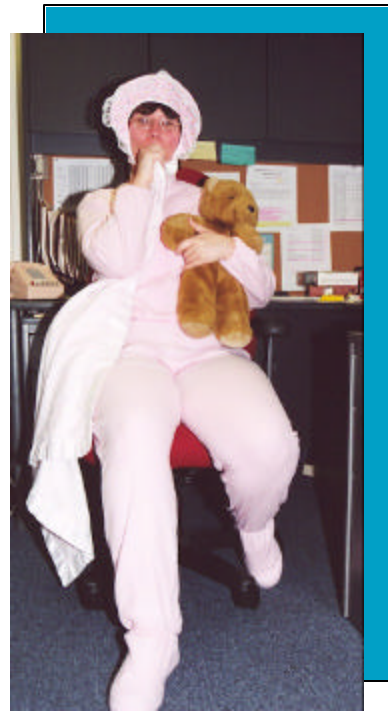


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Princess Mullaly poses with her froggy prince.



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IT1 Parsons takes casual day to a new level.

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NAR Point Mugu would like to take this moment to say congratulations to CDR. Peter L. Gurney,

the new Commanding Officer at CV SouthWest,

and LCDR Robert J. Blanchard, the new CO for the Combat Camera Unit.



HM1 Feyne receives his plaque, for Reserve Sailor of the 2nd Quarter, from Capt. Kevin J. Sullivan.



PNC Cora McQuitty receives a letter of commendation for her duties as Navy Ball Committee Member.



PN1 Jonas
Senior Sailor of the Quarter



HM2 Lobbenberg
Junior Sailor of the Quarter

AWARDS

Navy Achievement Medal



AZ1 Stack
AD1 Begoody
HT2 Heverly
SK2 Gilliam